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Easter hours announced for Cultural Heritage Center

PIERRE, S.D. – Looking for some family fun this Easter? Consider a visit to the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

The museum and gift shop will be open from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. CDT on Friday, April 6, and Saturday, April 7. The Cultural Heritage Center is closed on Easter Sunday.

“With many people having Friday off, it is an excellent time to bring guests to our museum and explore South Dakota history,” said Jay D. Vogt, State Historical Society director.

The museum’s new “Our South Dakota” exhibit was designed with elementary school children in mind, but provides hands-on fun for the whole family, Vogt said.

“Come and see how you measure up to a full-size mammoth, bison – or prairie dog,” he said. “Sit in a combine cab and “harvest” corn. Try your hand at typing on a manual typewriter. Learn all about what makes our state such a great place.”

The museum’s permanent offers an award-winning journey through our state’s past, beginning with the Sioux American Indian way of life before the arrival of Europeans in 1743, to pioneer life and early statehood after 1889, through changes that occurred in the 20th century.

Regular museum hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Central Time on Monday-Saturday and 1-4:30 p.m. on Sundays. There is a small admission fee for adults ages 18-and-older; children and State Historical Society members are always free. The archives is open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and the first Saturday of each month.

For more information, visit www.history.sd.gov or call (605) 773-3458.

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The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society’s world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.